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FR. JARETT'S CATHOLIC Q & A

What does the Catholic Church teach about sportsmanship and our responsibilities as fans, coaches and players?

Some of you might already be thinking, "This is supposed to be a faith column, not a sports column, Father, why don't you stick to your field." Well, the truth is, that as a Catholic priest, whatever Catholics participate in becomes my field, because whatever we do, should be enlightened by our faith. Let me explain.

To my knowledge, none of the Popes or Vatican congregations has ever written a formal document on the place of sports and sportsmanship in the lives of Catholics. That being said, there have been plenty of Church leaders who have written about the importance of glorifying God in all that we do. For Americans, because sports are something "that we do" often, our faith in God should enlighten this aspect of our lives as well.

Here is what the Catechism says in its single paragraph about sports. "If morality requires respect for the life of the body, it does not make it an absolute value. It rejects a neo-pagan notion that tends to promote the cult of the body, to sacrifice everything for its sake, to idolize physical perfection and success at sports. By its selective preference of the strong over the weak, such a conception can lead to the perversion of human relationships." (CCC 2289) Do you think we "idolize physical perfection and success at sports? Do you think we regularly neglect the weak and glorify the strong? Brothers and sisters, I don't think we do, I know we do. Teenage boys are sacrificing everything to become the successful athlete they think will make themselves and their parents happy, teenage girls are developing eating disorders everyday trying to attain the physical perfection pictured in our airbrushed magazine advertisements. And we now have the medical technology to "snuff out" any human life that might be genetically weak or disabled.

Is all of this a result of sports? No, all of this is a result of human beings not allowing every aspect of our lives to be enlightened by or checked by our faith. In many places, sports have become one of these unchecked areas of Catholic family life.

How many of us have ever thought about or set out our main priorities in life? Sadly, for many of us, we have a different set of priorities depending upon what building we are in; office, home, gymnasium. My own personal definition of sportsmanship is to be able to walk into a gymnasium or a football field with the same list of priorities that I would have when walking into church, or the office, or a hospital. What are these priorities? Well, as Mother Theresa put it, when a Catholic places in order the priorities of **J**esus, **O**thers, then **Y**ourself, it will produce JOY in your life.

First, to place God as first priority is to believe God is your biggest fan or biggest critic when you are on the court or in the field. This was the reason for the popularity of the What Would Jesus Do bracelets a couple decades ago. It was a practical way to remind oneself of first priority, how does God influence my actions in sports? Secondly, we must place others above winning. This means that no human being should be hurt physically, emotionally, mentally, as a result of our physical play or our tongue. This includes every possible scenario; fans talking to officials, coaches talking to players, grandparents talking about players or coaches, players competing or trash talking with one another. This also includes school administrations hiring coaches who have these priorities in order and desire to instill them into their players. In every scenario, placing other's well being above "winning" is good sportsmanship. Lastly we should be concerned about ourselves. However, notice that we ourselves still have priority over "winning." (Winning doesn't even make the top three priorities in life.) Anytime we sacrifice our health or our emotional well being for the sake of winning, we mess up the order of priority.



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Is all of this difficult? Of course it is, it's a pain to be the one to accept a bad call, or to keep our mouth shut when it is blatantly obvious what the coach is doing wrong. Does sportsmanship mean we shouldn't try to win? Of course not. I love winning. I'm the most competitive priest I know and thus I know exactly how difficult it is to balance competition with faith, and I definitely do not always succeed. However, because sportsmanship is so difficult, it is also an amazingly powerful form of evangelization. People in our communities know we are Catholic, and if they see us holding our tongue and helping others up and congratulating our opponents, putting these three priorities in order, they are going to be suspicious of what makes us so different. They will witness our joy and desire it for themselves. They will be inspired by our sportsmanship and slowly begin to rearrange the priorities in their own lives placing God at the top.

In Christ's Loving Service
Your Pastor,
Fr. Jarett (father.konrade@eaglecom.net)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Titling: Your Gift to God

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Collection for the week of Jan. 13	\$ 11,219
Weekly Collection to meet Fiscal Budget:	\$ 15,924
Fiscal Year Budgeted:	\$828,059
Collected Year to Date:	\$451,054

Jan. 20	Scott & Terri Braun & Lisa Hess
Jan. 27	Frank & Maureen Mindrup & Rebecca Brady
Feb. 3	Jared & Ashley Bauck & Courtney Brady
Feb. 10	Jerry & Marilyn Luetters, Derek & Vanessa Schumacher, & Kathy Stenzel

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Masses, Intentions & Services

Sat. Jan. 19	5:00 p.m. + Fred & Theresa Koehler
Sun. Jan. 20	9:30 a.m. People of the Parish 11:00 a.m.+ Keith Fieler
Wed. Jan. 23	7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Debbie Schuler Family
Fri. Jan. 25	7:00 a.m.+ Jim Charbonneau
Sat. Jan. 26	5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sun. Jan. 27	9:30 a.m.+ Brian Gross 11:00 a.m.+ Ralph Werth, Jr.

Readings for Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 21 (St. Agnes)

Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 22

Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 23

(St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope)

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 24 (St. Francis de Sales)

Heb 7:25-8:6 / Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 25

(The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle)

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 / Mk 16:15-18

Saturday, January 26 (SS. Timothy and Titus)

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 27

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 /

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The St. Nicholas Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21.

The Art & Environment team would like to say a "HUGE THANKS" to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. We could not do it without all your help. What a great Parish Family we have. Thanks a million! *Art & Environment Team*

WE WELCOME IN BAPTISM

Aspen Jade Legleiter, daughter of Brandon & Nicole Legleiter. She will be baptized on Sunday, Jan. 20.



Adoration Chapel needs someone to cover the hours of 11am to 12pm, on Fridays and 12 to 1pm, on Sundays. If interested please contact Bob Feauto at 628-1429.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION – Jan. 27, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Hosted by the Finance Council. Come join us!



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The **St. Nicholas Ladies Guild** will meet on Monday, Jan. 21, at 7pm. We will begin with a rosary in the church at 6:45pm. We will be having a Florist come give a floral demonstration! Call Jean at 785-625-9348 or Karen at 913-370-1133 for questions or a ride to the meeting. All ladies of the parish welcome! Child care provided.

Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council, has just formed a volunteer, outreach service called Knights of Service. Purpose: to offer hands-on service to St. Nicholas parish members (elderly, disabled/temporarily laid up, and veterans) in need. Assistance types: yard cleanup/tree trimming, gutter clean-out and other ladder work, light bulb/fixture detail, basic door/window fix-up, etc. Jobs requiring a city permit or trade license are not included. For information or to schedule assistance contact Grand Knight Justin Baalman or Bill Heimann, 623-4737.

If you are interested in training to be a Eucharistic Minister, sacristan, lector, or serving please contact Deacon Steve at urbs57@gmail.com or the parish office.

Pilgrimage to Greece

You are invited to travel to Greece and Ephesus (Turkey) with Fr. Reggie to make a 10-day pilgrimage in honor of St. Paul from Sept. 18-28, 2019. This will be complimentary to the significant amount of time spent on St. Paul in the New Testament course that Father Reggie is teaching in January, February, and March, although each of them is a separate experience. Registration is due on or before Feb. 19. Brochures with an included sign-up form are available in the church entrance/narthex/office. Call Fr. Reggie (620-617-1403), if you have any questions.

Mother Son Date Night

To all Mothers & Sons in the Heartland Parishes of Ellis County, the annual Mother Son Date Night will take place on Saturday, Feb. 2. This event is sponsored by the IHM Parish Evangelization Commission. Registration forms are available on the IHM parish website, Facebook event page and in the IHM parish office. Final deadline to take registrations is Monday, Jan. 28.

Mother-Son Dance



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR January 26 & 27

Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Mass

EMHC Stephanie Hagans Deacon Courtney Brady Aaron Brady Marilyn Gabel Glen Gabel Stan Mayers	Lectors Keith Dreiling #1 Pam Dreiling #2	Hospitality Rita Legleiter
Cantor/s Denise DeBoer Geraldyn Allen	Altar Servers Jake Brady Lily Garrison Jared Mayers	Sacristan June Allen
	Accompanist Pam Mayers	Gift Bearers Scott Brown

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Mass

EMHC Theresa Flax Deacon Gene Flax Teresa Heimann Diane O'Brien Brad Unrein Nolan Allen + Heimann Group	Lectors Tim Zimmerman #1 Rick Rajewski #2	Hospitality Lance Hartman
	Altar Servers Jeffery Heimann Mattias Marintzer Thomas Meagher	Sacristan Lisa Unrein
Cantor/s & Accompanist		Gift Bearers Matt Allen

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. Mass

EMHC Laura Monroe Deacon Mary Hickman Jayne Inlow Rose McFarland Melissa Schoepf Monica Seib	Lectors Eileen Anderson #1 Patty Stull #2	Hospitality Kevin Pasek
	Altar Servers Damian Schmidt Harlie Schmidt Paris Wolf	Sacristan Keith Schmidt
Cantor/s Cheryl Glassman Michelle Fairbank	Accompanist Angie Meagher	Gift Bearers Marl Lang

Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. What better way to start your weekend than on your feet making strides to improve your general health? While you walk at your own pace, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions to a local physician. The first Walk with a Doc Event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 9am, at the HaysMed Fitness trail (meet at shelter house behind HaysMed), 2500 Canterbury Dr., Hays. No registration required. For more information on this event and future dates please call The Center at 785-623-5900 or check out our website at www.haysmed.com/the-center.



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Soup Luncheon Sunday, Jan. 27, from 11am to 2pm, at the Senior Center, Gorham. Homemade soups: Chili, Green Bean & Dumpling and Chicken & Noodle; homemade breads, pies and desserts. Adults - \$8.00; 5 to 10 years - \$4.00; 4 and under – Free; quart carry out - \$10.00. Sponsored by D of I. Don't forget to stop by and check out their Country Store.

Senior Center Meal Site Did you know there is a Senior Center Meal Site in Hays that serves nutritional meals Monday – Friday? Those over 60 years of age pay a requested contribution of \$3.25 per meal. Guest under 60 must pay full cost of meal which is \$6.00 a plate. The meal site is located at 2450 E. 8th (in front of the Rose Garden Banquet Hall). Please make sure to call 785-628-6644 before 11:30am the day before to reserve a meal. Come out and join your friends or new ones!

Maren Moody APRN is now seeing patients at the Ellis County Health Department located at 2507 Canterbury, Hays. To make an appointment to see her for your routine healthcare needs, please call: 785-628-9440.

HEARTLAND PARISHES PARISH MISSION

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Is this Year's Host Site

Please Join Us As We Welcome
National Radio Host
Author & Speaker

"Gus Lloyd"

Feb. 24, 25 and 26

7pm, Each Evening in the Church

Mission Theme:

"Loving, Learning and Living Your Faith"

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RELIGIOUS ITEMS - If you or a family member have religious material such as statues, holy water bottles, rosaries, prayer books, and palms that you want to get rid of, but just can't throw them away, bring them to the St. Joseph Parish Service Center and we will either offer them to people who would like them or dispose of them in a respectful manner.

Do you want to be a part of our prayer chain or know of someone who needs lifted up in prayer? St Nicholas's prayer chain is currently being developed and expanded by the prayer chain subcommittee of the Evangelization commission. Members of St Nicholas parish who are in need of prayers for themselves or their loved ones should contact Ramona at St Nicholas during working hours, or Terri Braun, subcommittee chair, at 785-650-2307 when the church office is closed. Anyone who is willing to be a part of this prayer chain and pray for God's will should contact Terri Braun at the same number. If you know anyone who needs prayed for or if you are in need of prayer please don't hesitate to call. The prayer chain members are ready and willing to assist.

Please check out our Website at
<http://stn-church.com/>.



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& treasure*
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FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 23 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm

Jan. 30 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm

Feb. 6 – Classes at Kennedy 6:15 to 7:15pm

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go to www.faihdirect.net. Our parish code is **KS870**

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SAVE THE DATE!



THE DAYS AHEAD

- Jan. 21** – Ladies Guild Meeting, 7pm
- Jan. 22** – Community Assistance Center Garage Sale, 12th and Oak St., 8 to 11am
 - Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:30pm
 - Sunday Scripture Session with Fr. Reggie, 6:30pm
- Jan. 24** – RCIA Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan. 26** – Men of Myra, 7:30am
 - Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church 4:30pm
- Jan. 27** – Rosary in the St. Nicholas Church, 9am

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-- **You can still support HFE** by recycling your aluminum cans in our trailer across the street North of the school/church in the small gravel parking lot, or by sending in boxtops! Labels that state "Labels for Education" on them are still accepted! Our Green School Committee safely disposes of old batteries, and we collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald houses of America! Thanks for your support!



-- **For more information** go to www.hfehays.org

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Silent Auction and BINGO Prizes Needed! Please consider supporting the Holy Family Elementary Chili Supper event through a donation to either the event's Silent Auction or BINGO Room! For the Silent Auction, we are looking for items for both children and adults with a retail value between \$10 and \$100. To make a donation, please contact Brenda Linenberger at brendalinenberger@gmail.com or 650-8131, or Allison Ochoa at allisonsochoa@yahoo.com or 259-2911 before Jan. 27. For the BINGO room, we are seeking donations of items valued at \$10 or less. Small-denomination gift cards to area businesses, snacks, toys, and other small items make great BINGO prizes! Contact Amy Schaffer at amy_schaffer@yahoo.com or 623-7870 to make a donation.

Holy Family Elementary School Annual Chili Supper & Bazaar Sunday, Jan. 27, 4 to 7pm

Holy Family Elementary School, 18th and Vine

MENU: Chili, hot chicken sandwiches on homemade buns, relishes, desserts, coffee and juice. Meal tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12). Tickets are available in advance at the school office or at the door the night of!

As always, we have some exciting raffle items this year! The "Adult/Child" raffle items include numerous gift cards, an X BOX One S, a boys and girls bike, a round of golf for 4, KU and KSTATE signed basketballs, hand carved decor, a girls manicure party for 6, a kids bowling party for 12, a mystery money box, memberships to HRC or gymnastics, and much more! The "Friends of HFE" raffle items include a 55" Smart TV, \$500 cash, a customized HFE traeger grill, a \$500 Warren's Meat Market certificate, and a \$500 cash prize! Raffle tickets are due to HFE by January 21st, or bring them by with you that night!

There are so many other exciting things to participate in on this night! Aside from the raffle, we have a silent auction taking place in the activity center! Come by and bid on items or special activities for your family! The Scholastic Book Fair will be running in the school library for all of your family's book needs! The school gym will be filled with many games where children can earn prizes, and stop by to play BINGO for prizes, too! ALL of these, and general donations for the chili supper, help the school's budget and future facility/educational needs!

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education in our community!

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Dear Hays Catholic Families,

As many of you know stewardship is a large part of what makes our church community function. You also may be aware that Thomas More Prep-Marian welcomes many international students each school year. To make it possible for these students to attend, TMP-M has partnered with NACEL Open Door to provide safe, stable host families. NACEL's host families offer a home to young men and women who would like to study abroad, learn about American culture and live within a family unit. TMP-M feels it is in the best interest of the school and the community to find host families within our Catholic Church community. We can look for housing outside of our community but would prefer that it comes from within. If you have been searching for a way to serve your church community this is an awesome opportunity, not only to evangelize our faith but to put forth your stewardship to the church. Hosting an international student is considered a large gift to the school thus relieving some of the burden on the church. By becoming a host family you offer your stewardship, not only to our finances but also to the diversity of our community. **TMP-M is in immediate need of a Host Family for a student arriving this coming Spring semester. This young man is from Korea. He will be a senior, so your commitment will only be for one semester. He is Christian, speaks English, is a very good student, and wishes to graduate from an American school. He has most recently attended the Academy of Math and Science at FHSU so is familiar with Hays. His wish is to experience an American family before he is finished with school.** If you would be interested in hosting this school year please contact either Chad Meitner, Principal @ 785-621-5415, meitnerc@tmpmarian.org or Amy Wasinger, NACEL Open Door Representative, (785) 623-0287, awasinger@team.nacelopendoor.org

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State of Our Catholic Schools Address

The time has arrived! The State of Our Catholic Schools Address will take place on February 4, at 6:30 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. All parents of TMP-Marian and Holy Family Elementary students are required to attend this important event. Information covered includes funding, projects, new courses, any and all updates and projections for the future.

In addition to inviting you to join us at the State of Our Catholic Schools Address, we need your pictures... all pictures of your students attending TMP-M or HFE. These are the photos that will greet you on Feb. 4, at 6:30pm, as you enter the event. Please upload all the serious, interesting and funny pictures you have captured this year to the below link.

<https://tmpmarian.smugmug.com/upload/vHtghX/2019StateofCatholicSchools>.

Come and enjoy a night of fine dining and entertainment!! The TMP Singers under the direction of Kathy Amrein, present: Dancing in the Street The annual dinner theater will be on Feb. 2, at 6:30pm, and Feb. 3, at 12pm. (Over long before the Super Bowl starts) Reserved tickets are \$20 and available from Kathy Amrein at 785-650-4371 Meal includes: Coleslaw, Pulled Pork, Smoked Brisket, Smokey Baked Beans, Cheesy Ranch Bacon Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water (Meal catered by Helping Hands of God)

SALINA DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in meeting Jesus at a deeper level? Come join us at St. Edward's Parish, Belleville, KS on Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9am. to 4:30pm., where you will recognize Christ in your experience, and use the tools you receive through this encounter with Christ to reach out and share your faith with others.

Attention MEN! Mark your calendars now! The 2019 Diocesan Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Hays.

